

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Typically, the amount of aqueous carrier employed in the inks is in the range of approximately 70 to 99.9 wt.%, preferably approximately 90 to 99.9 wt.%, based on the total weight of the ink for an ink prepared for a thermal printhead. A mixture of water and a polyhydric alcohol, such as diethylene glycol, is useful as the aqueous carrier medium. In the case of a mixture of water and diethylene glycol, the aqueous carrier medium usually contains from about 30% water/70% diethylene glycol to about 95% water/5% diethylene glycol. Percentages are based on the total weight of the aqueous carrier medium. In a preferred embodiment, the inks contain from 5 to 60 wt.% of one or more water miscible humectants and/or water miscible organic co-solvents, based on the total weight of the ink. Preferred humectants for the inks of the invention include diethylene glycol, glycerol, diethylene glycol butyl ether, and mixtures thereof. Humectants may be used in an amount of from 5 to 60 wt.%, preferably in an amount of from 5 to 30 wt.%. A preferred amount of glycol ether is a concentration of between 2.5 and 7.5 wt%.--